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being started on the small Sockau River near Soss, an abandoned mining area. The river flows through a deep, narrow valley to the resort town of Hauen-
thal. The dam, which is being built at the river's widest point, will have a capacity of 6 million cubic meters of drinking water. It will be able to supply not only Aue, but also Schneeberg-Neustadt, the industrial villages of Lauter, Zschornau, Albernau, and Niederschlema, and Oberschlema Radium Bath. These villages have formed a water supply union, and have furnished large numbers of volunteers to work on the dam.

The dam is scheduled to furnish the first drinking water in October 1950. Preliminary work includes building a 3-kilometer cable railroad to Hauen-
thal for transportation of building materials. Stone will be obtained from a special quarry at the dam site. A power station will be built to provide power for operating cranes and for electric lighting. Pumping stations are also planned.

The dam wall will be 62 meters high and 200 meters long. It will block a valley which extends about 2 kilometers upstream. The lake which will be formed will have an area of 45 hectares.

Two kilometers of pipeline will carry water to a purification reservoir, from which point it will be carried to a town reservoir near Neustadt which has a capacity of 6,000 cubic meters. High in the forest above Aue a second reservoir to supply Aue and Lauter is being dug which will have a capacity of 10,000 cubic meters.

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